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committee amendment? Are we on the committee amendment?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, Senator Labeledz.

CLERK: Senator, do you want to offer your amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I would prefer to do that. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, the amendment to the committee amendment, the purpose of it is...of the Standing Committee amendment is to clarify the definition of bona fide farmer or rancher for the purpose of obtaining a limited permit for hunting deer, antelope, or wild turkey. This amendment would remove sentence #2 in the definition of material participation which is found on lines 18 and 19 on page 838 of the Journal. Also this amendment adds language to this section which would require the applicant for a limited permit to be a bona fide farmer or rancher for each tract or parcel of land which the applicant wishes to hunt the deer, antelope, or wild turkeys. This takes care of their problem where a farmer who owns two parcels of land but only farms one parcel could obtain a limited permit only for the tract of land which he or she owns. We are trying to limit the applicants to those persons who are actively involved in the farming or ranching operation. I believe this amendment to the Standing Committee amendments helps to attain this objective and I urge your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Labeledz amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of the Labeledz amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Labeledz amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Senator Labeledz, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much. As amended, the Standing Committee amendment does three things. First it defines a bona fide farmer or rancher and attempts to define that person as one who is an active participant in the farm or ranch operation. Second, it clarifies the language of LB 170 to permit a bona fide farmer or rancher to obtain a limited permit for deer, antelope, and turkey or any combination if more than one of those species is present on the farmer or rancher's land, and third, it dispenses with the habitat stamp requirement for the holders of these limited permits. The amendment also allows the Games and Parks Commission to